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BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

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H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
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H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000

Paid up Capital.....£324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

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Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000

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Branches and Agencies.

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CHEFOO. PENANG.

CHINKIANG. SINGAPORE.

CHUNKING. SWATOW.

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Advances made on approved securities.

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4% " " 6 " 6 "

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E. W. RUTTER,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1900.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

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CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-

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ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCES.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 6 " 30 "

" " 3 " 21 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....12,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLED.....12,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....7,500,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

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" " 6 "

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1900.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1900.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(to)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
BOMBAY.....Shanghai.....A. F. Street.....4 P.M., 10th April...Freight or Passage.
SHAI & JAPAN.....Japan.....W. G. Wright.....About 14th April...Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI.....Chusan.....C. T. Denny, R.N.R.About 13th April...Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.Malta.....C. Gadd.....Noon, 14th April...Freight or Passage.
JAPAN.....Rohilla.....S. Tocque, R.N.R.About 14th April...Freight or Passage.

* (See Special Advertisement) (Passing through the Inland Sea).

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A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900.

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Steiners will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS SAILING DATES.

WEIMAR.....WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH.....WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
PREUSSEN.....WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika Linie.....WEDNESDAY, 30th May.
SACHSEN.....THURSDAY, 1st June.
OLDENBURG.....THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAYERN.....THURSDAY, 12th July.
STUTTGART.....THURSDAY, 26th July.
KONIG ALBERT.....THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR.....THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PRINZ HEINRICH.....THURSDAY, 6th September.
PREUSSEN.....THURSDAY, 30th September.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika Linie.....WEDNESDAY, 3rd October.
SACHSEN.....WEDNESDAY, 17th October.
OLDENBURG.....WEDNESDAY, 31st October.
BAYERN.....WEDNESDAY, 14th November.
STUTTGART.....WEDNESDAY, 28th November.
KONIG ALBERT.....WEDNESDAY, 12th December.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "WEIMAR,"

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Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50

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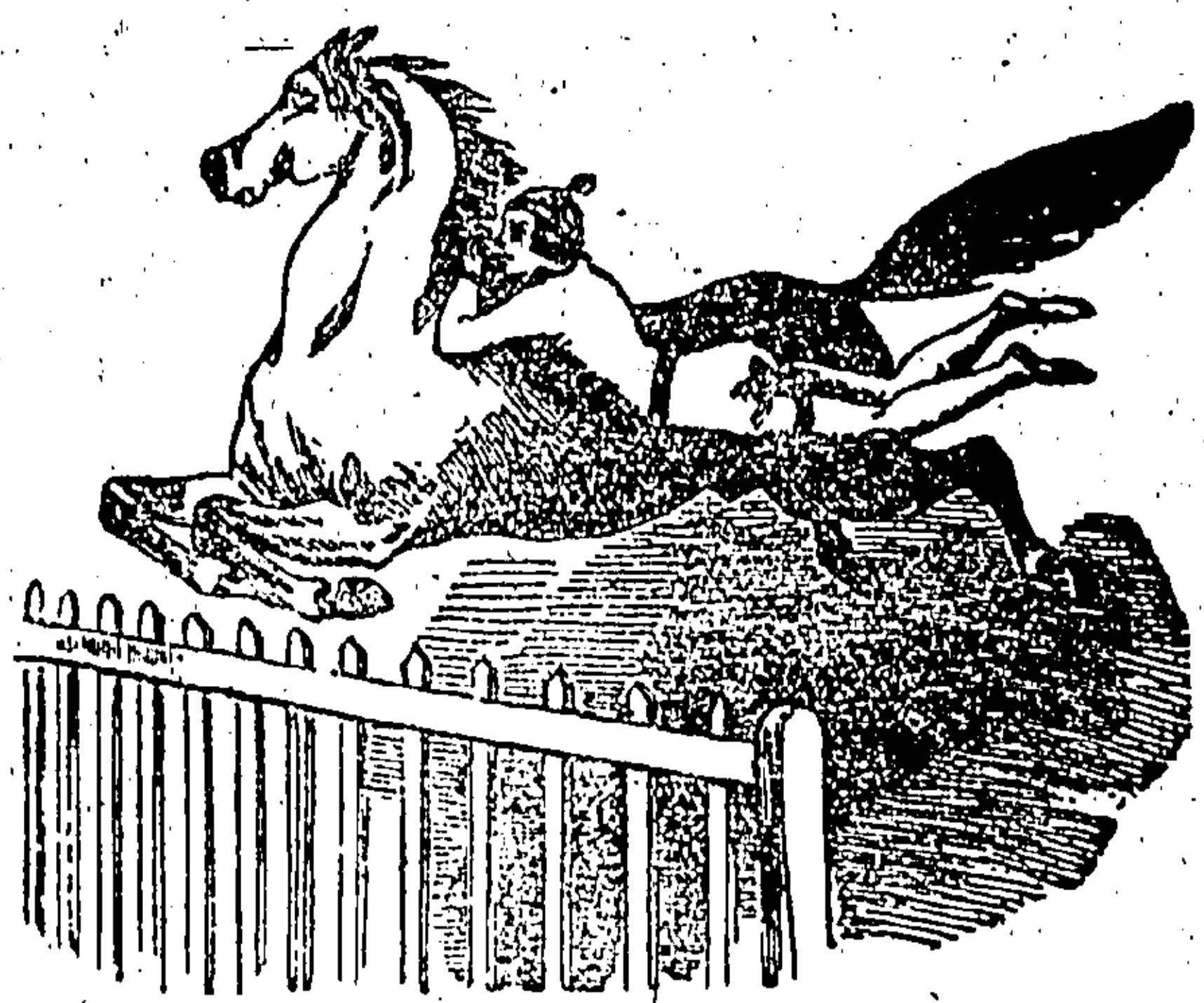
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General Representative.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900.

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FOR TIENSIN.

"NANCHANG."

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900.

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched for the

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This steamer has Superior Accommodation for

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A Doctor is carried.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1900.

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To-day's
Advertisements.

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J. T. SKOTTOWE,
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Tientsin,
North China.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [466b]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [471b]

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For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

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For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED,
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For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [467b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR CHINKIANG.

THE Company's Steamship

"ICHANG"

Captain Lloyd Jones, will be despatched as

above on FRIDAY, the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [464b]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU"

Captain T. Otaga, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [455]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ALCINUS"

Captain Pulford, will be despatched as above

TUESDAY, the 15th May.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [465b]

Intimation.

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BIRTHS.

On the 25th of March, at No. 112a, Bluff, Yokohama, Japan, the wife of ROBERT WADDELL BORTHWICK, of a daughter:

On the 2nd of April, at 36, Szechuan Road, Shanghai, the wife of ALFRED EDWARD WHEELER, of a daughter.

MR. J. R. CROCK has been elected a member of the Church Body during the absence of Commander R. M. Rumsey.

THE Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr. Michel Oustinow to act as Consul for Russia at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature.

The appointment of Mr. H. G. Nicolle to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of Commander Rumsey, R.N., is notified in the *Gazette*.

HER Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 38 of 1899, an Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, 1877.

THE U. S. Government has been approached as to the price of provisions etc. in Manila. An appeal, which is well supported, points out that the cost of living is even higher now than during the siege of 1898.

EARLY this morning three men armed with revolvers boarded a fishing junk in Hung-hom Bay, and having assaulted two women whom they found thereon decapitated with clothing money, and jewellery to the value of \$100.

CAPTAIN SMITH, formerly of the *Takang*, which arrived from Bangkok on Saturday, died on the voyage up from cholera, and was buried at Pulawayo on the 1st inst. His widow resides in Shanghai. Captain Smith was many years on the Yangtze. The *Takang* was quarantined on arrival.

others that promise to captivate the most sombre and stoical.

The passengers arrived to-day par S.S. *Ernest Simon*, while the plant, paraphernalia, horses, dogs, &c. are arriving par Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

The Box Plan has been placed with Messrs. Colam & Co. where the booking is going on apace for the grand opening performance.

The preliminary announcement of prices, location, &c., appears in our advertisement column to-day.

A MARVELLOUS EXHIBITION.

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. Sid Black, the Champion Bicycle Trick Rider, gave his last exhibition in this Colony on the Hongkong Football Club's grounds. The commencement of the performance was for 4.30, but quite a long time before it commenced the Grand Stand was fairly packed to its utmost capacity, while many gentlemen gave up their seats to ladies and went down into the enclosure. We were afterwards informed that the number of spectators must have been very near 700. This number we should say was not much exaggerated.

Mr. Sid Black is an American citizen hailing from Cleveland Ohio, from which city he started in 1896 to make a tour of the world, which, when he has visited Shanghai, Yokohama and Nagasaki, he will have accomplished.

He is rather tall and slim built and looks somewhere on the shady side of thirty-five, but as most of his feats require iron muscles and are most fatiguing, no doubt he is not as strong as he looks.

He is assisted in his entertainments by Mr. L. H. Jenkins and a clown, who travel around with him. He knows all together 457 different tricks, all of which he has numbered and classified, giving a batch of 73 or 74 at different performances, only using the whole 457 when entered in a competition. We should certainly pity the competitors in such a competition as it was evident that when a well known citizen of this Colony remarked that he's a worker" he was not prevaricating; the perspiration was fairly streaming down Mr. Black's face, although the tricks looked remarkably simple and easy to do. It is one thing to do tricks on a stage, but quite another when they have to be performed on solid grass with its consequent heaviness and slippiness. On Saturday the ground, unless it had actually been under water, could not have been worse, but still the performers surmounted every difficulty. Mr. Black only once failed in a most difficult trick, standing on the saddle and handle bars; he succeeded the second time and received well merited applause. The character of his tricks is very divergent; the whole number could be witnessed without the interest of the spectator at all abating. Amongst others he made his machine rear (if the expression as regards a bicycle is allowed) buck and almost jump, he balanced himself on the saddle head up and head downwards, he climbed through the diamond frame while still, and while in motion, and finally rode round the enclosure on the hind wheel. No doubt that was a "good tempered byke" as an Irishman remarked during the performance. Between the two exhibitions given by Mr. Black, Mr. Jenkins and the clown gave a most amusing exhibition which fairly made those watching them split their sides with laughter.

The entertainment concluded with a polo match played by Messrs. Black and Jenkins. This game is beautifully simple, quite devoid of rules, or rather, it is not necessary to study them until the would-be player has mastered the art of hitting the ball either with the front or rear wheel. This, to see either Mr. Black or Mr. Jenkins do it, looks quite easy, but we were informed that rewards of £10 and £1 had been offered at Johannesburg to any one who could hit the ball either with the rear or front wheel respectively, and there was not a single successful aspirant.

This offer has been made at all the towns Mr. Black has visited, and up till now he has not disbursed anything.

Two goal-posts are put up about 18 inches apart, the two sides being at opposite ends of the ring, the ball hit by the bicycle has to be driven through the posts.

When a man can make his iron steed kick like a mule and buck like a Texan pony he can flatter himself he is a don hand at the game.

There are a few other little requisites such as coming to a dead stop from a speed of 20 to 20 miles an hour, turning on the axis of the bicycle, standing still on a balance etc., but then these are trifles hardly worth mentioning. The game, however, is very interesting and exciting and ought to become popular. The competitors for the silver medal promised as a prize for trick riding did not put in an appearance. We don't blame them.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 8th instant..... 26
Do. do. during past 24 hours..... 3
Total..... 29

Deaths reported to 8th instant..... 25
Do. do. during past 24 hours..... 3
Total..... 28

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN TIENSIN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TIENSIN, March 28th.

I think I expressed the opinion that the effect of the late Edict to Boxers would be short-lived, even as I may point out, I have been the only one up here to insist that something more than mere idle buffoonism was involved in this. I have all along insisted that the Boxers were a menace and an insult, and should on no account be tolerated, and events are proving that I have not been so ultra sensational after all. The correspondent of the *N. C. D. N.* has treated the matter as a joke: the British Consul here has been "satisfied" all along that there was no cause for uneasiness, and that the "terrible Boxers" were but a handful of foolish boys. The foolish boys however, appear to be waxing pretty bold and pretty troublesome and the latest accounts to hand from two directions are as follows. In connection with the fight of which I wired you yesterday, an informant tells me:—

"The Boxers attacked the soldiers in the Jen chai district and used the Hsien official badly, several soldiers being killed, the officer seriously wounded, and the official wounded in the arm. A new plan is to inform the people that the foreigners have sent out a lot of men preachers and others, to poison the wells. In answer to my letter to the Tai-chen official asking him about the placard posted there some time since, he came in person and declared there were no Boxers in his district. I was not satisfied, so sent a trustworthy native to investigate last week at a place too far from here. He found that the Edict denouncing the Boxers had only been posted in one place and then it was only allowed to remain one day and was torn down. In its place six vile placards were torn up. Some of our 'enquirers' have had a knife held over them till they swore that they had recanted and would worship the village idols. Then a notice to this effect was posted on each front door by the Boxers. When my informant went down there, the people recanted."

car, and immediately there was a very raised "Foreign Devil" and a crowd rushed after it. Much disappointment being evinced when it was found to contain only a Chinaman. The placards are written on temple paper showing the priests.

A correspondent from Shantung writes me:— A band of some seventy men (Boxers) caught and bound two men in a village near Ching-tung. One was the son, the other a near relative of a church member whose house was last year looted of all its contents. The men's cars were cut off more or less completely, and the men hurried off as captives. After a few days of torture they were brought back by the local magistrate who is said to have spent Tls. 200. But the band received daily reinforcements, and a few days later plundered five Roman Catholic families only six miles from Liu Ching. It is reported that the soldiers sent to fight them killed 28 Boxers, but I have not heard of their being scattered, neither have the soldiers returned."

MUD-FLAT NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TIENSIN, March 26th, 1900.

Tientsin has had a genuine sensation. The enormous pile of buildings, second only to the Gordon Hall and Astor House Hotel, and equal to the Imperial Post Office, was discovered to be well-on fire in the top story on Wednesday night about 1.30, and by 3 o'clock nothing remained of the great Emporium but the four walls and the smouldering debris. As a fire it was no doubt a great success, and spectators describe it as a grand sight, but those living in the vicinity appreciated the grandeur of the scene less than the danger to their own premises, and had there been a strong wind such as has prevailed lately, half Tientsin might have been laid in ashes. Those connected with the business thought bitterly on their dire fate in being thus burnt out for the second time in four years, well knowing that malicious tongues would wag in connection with their misfortune, and their expectation has been fully realized. Plenty of theories have been propounded showing why the fire should have taken place of deliberate intent, though it seems to have escaped notice altogether that the balance sheet and accounts having just been published the object of intentinal destruction would be a rather incomprehensible one. An enquiry is, I believe, to be held, and nothing is more desired by the Company, as all the evidence will go to show that the fire was purely and entirely an accident. It appears to have been caused by the stove in the bed room of one of the salesmen, and during his absence a live coal fell out of the stove, which was, I believe, an open one, and burnt a hole in the flooring and in this way the fire obtained a good hold on the laths of the next floor ceiling, before discovered. Tientsin having only recently had a water supply, has no very extensive fire appliances, only a hand engine, escape and hose, but it did good service in protecting surrounding buildings. But neither has Tientsin many fire. I think this double conflagration of the Tientsin Trading Company are the only cases of any importance for years.

Foreigners were afforded an exceptionally good opportunity on Thursday for seeing what a Chinese funeral of the highest official class is like by H. E. Chang Yi, who obtained permission for the funeral cortège of his late lamented mother to pass through the British Settlement. He issued a notice of the day and hour of the procession in foreign style a few days previously, and there were few foreigners who did not take advantage of the notice to occupy points of vantage along the route. Early in the day an elaborate mat archway was erected across the Victoria Road opposite the China Merchants' premises fitted with a shrine and the suitable accompaniments of lanterns etc., for the purpose of a wayside sacrifice. Similar halting places were arranged in the Taku Road. The cortège left Chang Yi's residence about 1.30, but long before that hour various portions of had already taken up position and extended from his residence far beyond the Club. The van included live camels, dragons, deer, other creatures in various sizes made of green fir sprigs in a manner marvellous to behold: banners of indescribable richness, and tablets and flags, followed by a string of the most brilliantly coloured silk umbrellas, extending in one long straggling line of fluttering colour, and flaming streamers, and shining knobs from the archway and past the Gordon Hall for some time and gave those fortunate enough to be stationed there ample time to admire their variety and beauty. Some of them we believe were hired, but the majority were presentations to the bereaved family, and the rich silk of which they are composed is used for clothing. The clang of gongs near the Hall, and the first notes of a Funeral march played by the Public Band announced the start of the procession, and immediate activity was noticed in the ranks of the umbrellas, borne by scores of green robed bearers. The umbrellas were followed by a long and ever-changing stream of articles representing the personal wealth and possessions of the deceased. Sirhurs and flowers in pots and banners innumerable, a body of the Viceroy's braves, mourners in white; clay figures on artificial horses, and being carried by hand representing the personal attendants of the Lady Chang, and all intended to be burnt at her grave. There came the band, followed almost immediately by a group of foreign mourners, among whom we noticed Messrs. Detring, Drew, Dease, Barry, Moring, von Hannen, Otten, Baner and Wolts, temples of all kinds, in carved wood, of paper flowers, embroidered, and in silk adorned with many glass lanterns and tassels, followed in bewildering sequence, and as the foreign band grew fainter as it passed down Victoria Road, the clash and squeal of the Chinese Priest bands became more pronounced, until they paused abreast of the Hall and one had time to admire the full deep bass of two mammoth trumpets of bronze borne by two men each and operated upon by two priests whose lungs must have been in the most satisfactory condition. They recalled the trumpets before whose blasts the walls of Jericho fell flat, and their deep bray was answered by high treble blasts from smaller instruments in the rear. Several sets of priests were in the procession, at this point, some in yellow, some pink, and others in red and green satin robes with white borders.

Then came H. E. Chang Yi in white sheep-skin robes, white cloth hat, supported by men-in-white-on-either-hand and followed by the bearers, a magnificent chair-like structure in red silk carried by some sixty bearers in green by means of red lacquer poles. A long string of some sixteen mounting chairs covered with white and followed by outriders in white, brought the procession to a close, the chairs of grand-children and great-grandchildren being indicated by one or two scarlet flowers, at one corner. It is stated that in accordance with Chinese custom, all the personal jewels were buried with the old lady, representing some Tls. 100,000 worth of pearls.

A small steamer of 388 tons burden is now putting in an occasional appearance at the Bund as the harbinger of better things to come. Mr. Macintosh, the popular agent of the Hongkong and Shangha Bank here, is leaving for home with his family next week, and will be governed by a committee from Krounstadt.

THE LAUNCH OF THE "PIONEER."

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

The beauty and fashion of Shanghai were well represented on board the *Pioneer* yesterday afternoon, when she started for the Oriental Dock, the guests being received by Mrs. Archibald Little and Mr. Ringer-Thomson of the Yangtse Trading Co., and a short and pleasant run took the large party to the Oriental Dock where the *Pioneer*, the new steamer for the Upper Yangtze, was waiting to be launched. All soon gathered in the yard, supported by a large force of blue-jackets from the U. S. S. *Castine*, and Mrs. Archibald Little with a few of the spectators mounted the stage at the vessel's bow. There was no time for speechmaking, Mrs. Little promptly broke the bottle of champagne on the *Pioneer*'s bow, and the vessel slid gracefully down the ways. Unfortunately, the tide had already begun to fall, and her nose stuck on the mud at the water's edge, but she was soon pulled off by the *Saucon* and brought alongside the dock-head. Meanwhile the party, with the manager of the yard, had gathered in a large upper room decorated with flags, where refreshments were liberally dispensed. Mr. Consul Bourne in a few well-chosen words proposed the health of the *Pioneer* and the well-known pioneer Mr. Archibald Little. Mr. R. W. Little responded for his brother and proposed the health of the Managers of the yard from which the *Pioneer* had just been launched, and then the party returned to Shanghai.

The *Pioneer* is a steel paddle steamer, built by Wm. Denny & Bros. of Dumbarton, sent out in pieces, and put together here at the Oriental Dock. Her length between perpendiculars is 180 feet, breadth moulded 30 feet, and depth moulded to 10 feet. She is to carry 100 tons deadweight on a draught of 6 feet and a speed of 14 knots, deadweight at 6 feet 6 inches, draught to be 160 tons. She is to have accommodation for 14 first-class, 30 second-class, and 90 third-class passengers. She will be propelled by two sets of diagonal, compound, direct-acting surface-condensing paddle engines, with boilers working at 125 lbs. The paddle wheels have feathering floats, and each pair of engines is completely separate and independent of the other. Each set of engines has two compound cylinders of 184 and 315, with a stroke of five feet. It is expected that the *Pioneer* will be ready to make her first trip up the river about the first of May, under the command of Captain Plant.—*N. C. D. News*.

THE YACHT "TOLNA" WRECKED.

The yacht *Tolna* with Count Festetics on board has been wrecked on the Minicoy Islands near Ceylon. The Count and the crew are believed to have got ashore safely.

The *Tolna* was in Hongkong for some considerable time and will doubtless be well received by many of our readers.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

SAIGON, March 28th. The official inauguration of the Universal exhibition will take place on the 1st April.—*French Legation Telegram*—*Japan Mail*.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

From our Exchanges.

No move expected yet.

LONDON, March 23rd. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Bloemfontein states that any movement of the army under Lord Roberts, in the direction of Pretoria, is improbable for three weeks, as negotiations in favour of peace are proceeding. The burghers are surrendering in large numbers, and the pacification of the country round Bloemfontein is proceeding rapidly, small bodies of troops being detached from the main army to collect arms and receive submissions. Presidents Kruger and Steyn are both at Kroonstadt, the newly-declared capital of the Free State, and have made impassioned speeches to their followers not to desert the cause and prove disloyal to their country.

Boers can fight for 6 months.

On Saturday, addressing a large open-air meeting, President Steyn declared that the Boers, if they did not lose heart, could continue to fight for six months. He warned the burghers to disbelieve the promises contained in the proclamation of Lord Roberts. They were never intended to be kept, and were of a piece with the general perfidy of England in this war. The Boers have burnt down Pomeroy.

The *Times* correspondent at Springfontein telegraphs that the present submissive temper of the Free Staters must be accepted with caution, as a large quantity of inferior rifles are being surrendered.

It is reported that General French was engaged to day to the eastward of Bloemfontein, the object of the movement evidently being to intercept Boers retreating to the north from the Orange River, and who were seen from Basuto-land.

A Reuter's despatch from Kroonstadt says that President Steyn has issued a proclamation stating that burghers surrendering to the British will be guilty of high treason.

Mr. Wyndham, replying to a series of questions, said no action was contemplated in regard to General Gouraud in view of Lord Roberts' strictures. Col. Gough's return home, he said, was due to Lord Methuen's action. Nothing was known to confirm the statement that General Wauchope objected to Lord Methuen's plans at Magersfontein.

Free State Administrator Appointed.

MARCH 24TH. Mr. Fraser, late of the Executive at Cape Town, has been appointed Free State Administrator. The feeling at home for the moment is one of decided expectation.

Large Waggon Convoy.

A Maseri despatch reports that several thousand Boers, with a huge convoy of wagons, conjecturally from Stormberg, Beaufort West, and Norval's Point, is moving from Smithfield to Ladybrand. A number of Basutoland officers occupy the hills to the northwards, and are telegraphing developments to the British fifty miles away. The native chiefs are collecting on heights, believing a battle imminent.

Boers eager to fight.

A Boer despatch from Kroonstadt reports that the burghers on furlough are now returning in numbers eager for fighting, and the Boer commandos at Fauresmith are certainly defiant. This confidence in events is tempered by anxiety as regard Mafeking, where the siege is reported to be relaxing.

How the Boers are hoaxed.

President Kruger has proclaimed that England is in dire straits, the Russians having occupied and annexed London.

It is rumoured that President Steyn has been formally deposed, the Orange Free State being governed by a committee from Kroonstadt.

Western Australia offers more men.

Mr. Seddon, on behalf of New Zealand, and Lord Tennyson, on behalf of Western Australia, have offered more contingents for South Africa, in case the regulars are wanted for a European war.

A concert at New York, in aid of funds of the hospital ship *Maine* was a brilliant success, the audience being most enthusiastic. The receipts amounted to \$12,000.

More Lyddite.

The *Orbit*, containing 10,000 rounds of lyddite and several million rounds small arm ammunition and the *Siberian*, *British*, *Umbria*, and *America*, with 2,500 troops, General Sir Frederick Marshall, and 70 nurses, have sailed for the Cape. The *Gowka*, *Tantallon Castle*, *Carthaginian*, *Assaye*, *Cymric*, *Pinemore*, and *Paragon* have arrived at Cape Town.

Anglophobia tendency of foreign opinion is moderating remarkably, although the comments of the Russian Press at times are still malicious.

The *Cologne Gazette* admits that Dum-Dum bullets have not been used on the British side.

Supporting Sir A. Milner.

MARCH 25TH. Supporting Sir A. Milner.

The Daily News correspondent at the Cape states that Mr. Schreiner, Premier, and members of Cape Ministry, are loyally supporting Sir A. Milner's pacificatory mission in the districts.

The War Office has made Lord Methuen re-write the Magersfontein despatch, owing to the defects of style and form of the original. It is supposed that this action has been taken in consequence of parliamentary agitation in favour of Col. Gough.

Party of Officers in Difficulties.

Lord Roberts telegraphed from Bloemfontein on the 24th that yesterday Capt. Trotter, Lieut. E. Lyon, of the Grenadiers, and Col. Codrington, of the Coldstreams, rode out unescorted eight miles beyond camp at Modder River, and were fired on by Boers. Lieut. Lyon was killed, and the others were severely wounded. One officer held up his handkerchief, whereupon the Boers assisted and conveyed them to the nearest farm.

Reuter's correspondent wires that at Glen siding, fourteen miles north of Bloemfontein, where two Guards regiments are stationed, the officers already mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatch yesterday went for a ride armed only with revolvers. They perceived a small body of Boers retreating, and attempted to head them off, with the results already wired.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company No. 9 Praya Central on
THURSDAY, 12th April, 1900 at NOON, when
the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the
required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

"That the Capital of the Company be
increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation and
issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$100, each
fully paid up."

NOTE.—Shareholders on the Register on the
10th April, 1900 will be entitled upon
application made on or before the 31st
May, 1900 and upon payment of \$10 for
every share applied for to one New Share
for every old share standing in their
respective names.

Should any share be not applied for on or
before the 31st July, 1900 the General
Managers will deal with such shares as they
may think fit.

Shares applied for between the 31st May and
the 31st July will be subject to interest at \$12
per annum.

With reference to the foregoing notice, the
Register of Shares will be CLOSED from the
9th to 11th day of April, 1900, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [431b]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN
CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF
AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2,
Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1900, at
12.15 o'clock in the Afternoon when the SUB-
JOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

Should the said Resolutions be passed by
the required majority they will be submitted for
confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to
a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEET-
ING will be subsequently convened.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be
increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000
by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of
\$100 each.

2.—That such New Shares be issued at a
Premium of \$25 per Share and be allotted
to the Shareholders of the Company in
the proportion of One New Share for
every Two Shares now held by them.

3.—That the Amount due for the New Shares
be called up as follows, viz:—

\$50 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to
rank for six months Dividend out of the
Profits of the Year 1900, and the remaining
\$25 per Share on the 1st October, 1900.

Dated the 29th March, 1900.

By Order of the Board,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary. [432b]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Hotel on
TUESDAY, the 29th April, 1900, at 12
O'clock (NOON), when the Subjoined resolution
which was passed at the extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the 27th day
of March, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation
as a special resolution.

"That the New regulations already approved
by this meeting, and for the purpose of
identification subscribed by the Chairman
thereof, be and the same are, hereby approved,
and that such regulations be, and the same
are, hereby adopted as the regulations of the
Company to the exclusion of all the existing
regulations thereof."

A copy of the proposed new regulations may
be seen at the Company's Office, and can be
obtained by application to the Under signed.

Dated Hongkong, the 2nd day of April, 1900.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [433b]

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE "CHEONG FAT" FERRY CO.,
LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances,
whereby the Liability of each Shareholder
is limited to the Amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL \$100,000
In 4,000 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each of
which 1,600 Shares will be offered
for Subscription.

Terms for Subscription: \$5 on Application
\$10 on Allotment.

Balance at call in Instalments, One Month's
Notice to be given in respect of each Instal-
ment called up.

Applications for Shares accompanied by a
Deposit of \$5 per Share must be sent in to the
NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED; on or
before 18th of April, 1900.

For Forms of Application, apply to the
General Managers.

Board of Directors:
Mr. LOO KUN-TING of Kwang Wing Sang
Fins.

CHAN KAI-MING of Opium Farm.
HU SHUN-CHUN of Opium Farm.

TAM TZE-KONG of Chai On Insurance
Co., Ltd.

CHAN HE-WAN of Chai On Insurance
Co., Ltd.

LAI SIU-TUNG of Tin Shing Shop.

YUNG CHOW-PONG of Deutsch Asiatische
Bank.

TO YING-TING of Lauts, Wegener &
Co.

J. T. LAUTS of Lauts, Wegener &
Co.

Bankers:

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Solicitors:

Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES AND MASTER.

General Managers:

Messrs. LAUTS, WEGNER & Co.

The Company has been formed for the
purpose of carrying passengers between Hongkong
and Yau Ma Tei and such other places as may
from time to time appear to promise satisfactory
results and assist in meeting the demands of
the growing passenger traffic from and to
Hongkong and the East and West River of
Canton.

Arrangements have been made to commence
business at once with a Ferry Service between
Yau Ma Tei and Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [447b]

Intimations.

THE PUMJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the OFFICE of the Company,
No. 9 Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 14th
April, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors and the Statement
of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and
for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 14th
April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [491b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the above Company
held at the Registered Office of the Company,
Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLU-
TIONS were passed.

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of
the Special Resolution passed at an
Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company
held on the 7th March and confirmed on the
27th March instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the
Reserve Fund and be carried as of the
2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital
Account, each Share being credited with
a sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$50 now standing
to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the
Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up,
and that a CALL be and is hereby made of
\$25 per Share upon all Shares of the
Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay
the same to the Company's Bankers, the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
at their Premises, Queen's Road, Central, on or before the 2nd day
of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance
with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of
Association, interest will be charged as from
the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of
\$12 per cent. per annum, upon all Calls re-
maining unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900,
up to the actual date of payment of the
same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [492b]

WANTED.

A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 1891-2.

Address: J. J. F.
Office of This Paper.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

WANTED.

A FEW BOARDERS (GENTLEMEN)

Central Position on low level; good
accommodation with use of Billiard Table and
select Library.

Apply REX,
c/o this Paper.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [493b]

TO YOKE KISEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 362 for TEN SHARES of
this Company, numbered 7165 to 7174, and
dated the 20th May, 1893, in the name of
FUNG WA CHUN, of Hongkong, having
been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be
issued after One month from the Date hereof,
and the Original Scrip will be considered by
the Company as Null and Void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or negoti-
ating the same.

By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [492b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of
this Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name of
PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, having
been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be
issued after One month from the Date hereof,
and the Original Scrip will be considered by
the Company as Null and Void, and all persons
are hereby warned against accepting or negoti-
ating the same.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [499b]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRE, MARINE AND TYPHOON.

Capital \$25,000,000.

Total Assets exceed \$45,000,000.

Total Annual income exceed \$16,000,000.

THE OFFICES of the HONGKONG
BRANCH of the above Company have

This Day been REMOVED to No. 7, DEE
VUEX ROAD, CENTRAL, (late Praya Central),
First floor, lately occupied by the NIPPON
YUSEN KAISHA.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Local Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [492b]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RATES
at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [50b]

To be Let.

T. O. L. E. T.

HARFORD MAGAZINE GARDEN

GROUND FLOOR, 52, PEEL STREET.

"THE RETREAT," MOUNT KELLETT,
GODOWNS—Nos. 80a and 82, PRAYA
EAST.

5, RIFON TERRACE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. [51b]

Intimations.

THE PUMJOM MINING COMPANY,
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April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [51b]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

HAKATA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 11th April, at 4 P.M.

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ABOATIVE RIOT AT WEIHAIWEI.

The following private letter, dated Weihaiwei the 26th of March, has been kindly placed at our disposal:—

"We had a very funny show here to-day, which I would not have missed for a lot. It seems that the country round here is rather unsettled, and the Chinese don't care to pay our taxes and so on. They are said to be steadily arming and preparing to resist our people and, even like the Boers, to drive us into the sea. Well, word came that there was to be a big meeting of malcontents at a village some 8 miles from here about noon to-day. The utmost secrecy was preserved as to our plans, and at the usual time we fell in, served out-to-rounds of ball ammunition to each man, and off we went about 420 strong, not including, of course, some 70 or 80 of the last recruits. We arrived at the place right in time and found from 600 to 700 of all sorts there. They took but little interest in our arrival as far as we could see, and made no attempt either to bolt or to resist, but just stood and looked on while we marched through them and quietly drew our carbines all round them. We had heard that there had a considerable number of firearms among them, so that as we approached we did not know when they might open fire. As soon as our 420 had surrounded their 700 or so, the talkie-talkie started up. One of the leaders told the Colonel that if he got off his horse he would then talk to him. Needless to say the Colonel remained mounted! Three of the ringleaders, who are large landowners near about, were arrested and then we set about disarming the mob. At one time it looked as if there would be a set-to, and several revolvers looked at the crowd; wiser counsels, however, seemed to prevail and disarmament began. We never saw a funnier sight. The majority were matchlocks of sorts, but mostly matchless. There were one or two gas-pipes like our old Brown Bess, one or two gun-barrels without any stock or wood-work at all, and in addition my company captured three cannon of sorts. You never saw a funnier show in your life. In addition to these suicidal weapons, there were spears innumerable, with all sorts of shaped heads, some at least with a wooden point, spades, rakes, old swords, bayonets on poles, besides flags and banners to beat the band. Also a large drum. The first man I disarmed was a very big chap, with a gun at least 12 feet long from butt to muzzle and a rusty old sword. He declined to part for some time, but one of my men punched him in the back with the butt of his rifle and he 'coughed.' Our men behaved beautifully and showed not the least sign of siding with the mob or of disobeying our orders. You may bet it was a risky business from the start, for we did not know but that these blades might not 'show fight' and that our eyes might not care to fire on them. From their behaviour to-day, I have personally, every confidence that they would have played the game even to the point of firing on the mob, but I am glad this was not necessary, for I should have felt real mean to have had to order a slaughter of the silly people with their rakes, their hoes, and their old gas pipes. Had they put up a bit of fight it would, of course, have been different, and we should all have liked to share in the fun.—N. C. D. News.

AN APOLOGIA FOR KANG YU-WEI.

(Contributed.)

In the *Times*' issue of the 17th of January there is printed an article from their correspondent at Paris on the subject of Mahmid Pasha. In reading over the article, the thought struck the writer that the condition and environments of Mahmid Pasha and Kang Yu-wei, the Chinese reformer, were so similar that were the latter able to express himself in a European tongue, he would probably make his *apologia* to the world as follows:—

"Yes, I fled my country and my flight is proof ample of the crisis through which my country is passing, for the whole nation—I am speaking of those who are not fattening themselves at its expense by the blind favour of the Mistress—is politically captive. The Empress Dowager keeps everybody, in political fetters, from the Emperor Kuang Hsi to the meanest coolie in Canton or Shanghai. These officials and scholars who have acquired a measure of Western learning and advocate the cause of Reform she either executes, imprisons, or exiles to the remotest frontier. She keeps her hands on Kuang Hsi, the legitimate Sovereign who has lost all his liberties.

"She persecutes any and every one who dares offer opinion or advice and she even surreptitiously encourages her fanatical subjects to acts of gross violence and bloodshed against foreigners and native Christians. Those Generals who would and could put down anarchy and protect foreigners she holds in leash. Whatever she has not directly under her hand frightens her, and whatever she does have in hand appears to her menacing at the slightest sign of individual will on its part, or of a thought not her own (*vide* Jung Lu). She is truly the 'Witch of Terror' and this fact haunts her even as it does others."

"Yes, I have temporarily quitted my country, and it is because of this that I can and dare proclaim to the world the burden under which my countrymen's soul is bending. I have quitted my country because I have not a soul strong enough to dare to appeal to the righteous wrath of a usurper, and to gratify her bloodthirsty lust for revenge. When the Empress learned that I had succeeded in getting out of the capital, she did everything—e'en things the most absurd, such as stopping the trains and dispatching a torpedo-boat to chase my steamer to secure my arrest. She quite lost her head; and as if the Empire's supreme interest depended on my capture, she stooped to the basest calumnies to effect her object. She accused me of attempting to poison my liege sovereign; of heading a conspiracy for the subversion of the Manchu dynasty and the overthrow of the existing Empire. To secure my poor body, she sent her emissaries to Japan, and such is her implacable hatred that she even dispatched her faithful henchman, the aged Li Hung-chang, to compass my arrest."

"But, and I swear it, I have committed no crime; the lamentations of my devoted countrymen at my enforced exile, and their undistinguished anxiety for my safety are proof sufficient that it is not a criminal whom they deplore."

"I have only endeavoured to serve my country, I have simply placed my humble talents at my master Kuang Hsi's feet. I have exhorted him to remove the throttle valve on Progress and Reform which has been screwed on so tightly by the enemies of the Empire. I have pleaded with Princes and Ministers and officials to cast off the garment of tradition and antiquity, and put on the illumined robe of the 19th century. I have merely sought for the ultimate welfare of my country and my fellow-men. In what way can my actions be construed into crime? I championed the cause of economy. This sufficed to turn all the metropolitan sinecureists against me. I advocated the expediency of reforms in the educational, fiscal, and administrative systems of the country. This at once raised the ire of all those who are selfishly interested in the maintenance of the present

regime. I advised an enlightened, liberal policy in our international relations, and a tolerant attitude toward Christianity. This again, served to blast me in the eyes of the Empress Dowager and her coterie."

"I have been charged with a scheme to overthrow the Empire and establish a republic in its place, with myself as the first President and my friends the first Cabinet, and to support this charge, forged letters have been adduced as proof. But to those who know me the knowledge of my wholehearted devotion to my Emperor will be sufficient refutation of the charge."

"Now in view of all this, no wonder my heart is bleeding for my country's woes. The Empress Dowager has eyes and will not see, or will see only what pleases her, and she has ears to hear only what appeals to her vanity. She has natural intelligence and shrewdness, but lacks worldly wisdom. Worst of all, the successor she has chosen in His Majesty Kuang Hsi is only an intellectual weakling and is being moulded to follow in the footsteps of his protectress and her advisers. Should nothing occur to thwart this madcap scheme, woes unutterable will be my country's fate. Alas! my poor Master how my heart bleeds night and day at the thought of thy forlorn state. Would that by the sacrifice of my life, I could save thy own. But Heaven, I fear, will not accept my sacrifice. News has just reached me that thou art ill—well-nigh unto death, emitting thy heart's blood, an eloquent sign of the intensity of thy long-endured sufferings. Soulst thou die, as my heart misgives me that thou wilt, thy country will accept the death as a precious and holy sacrifice. O Liberty! O Truth! when will we take up your abode in my fatherland? How long must my nation be buffeted by her cataracts and corrupt rulers? The meanest foreigner inhabiting the Empire has his tribunals, and Consuls and Ambassadors to protect him. The Ta Tsing subject alone has none to protect him, and there is none—nay, not even the despised helots—whose political status is more abject."

"But I shall not rest. Our nation is gentle, sober, patient, industrious—not many races equal, and none surpass it in these qualities. Its defects are due to its injudicious training, but it is capable of immeasurable improvements. It is a splendid flock, led or rather misled by incompetent and unorthodox shepherds."

"So long as the present chaos reigns, Europe will be able to obtain what she wants in hands of the imbecile. Government at Peking. She will, therefore, maintain the spectator-like attitude, waiting for the consummation of the inevitable cataclysm and then claim her share of the spoil. This is especially true of Russia and France, and in a less degree of Germany, whose earth hunger must be satisfied.—N. C. D. News."

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